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Mr. Joe Werner
Chief, Telecommunications Division
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243-0505

Re: TRA Docket No. 02-00879
Section 254(e) Certification of
United Telephone Company
To Receive USF Disbursements
in Calendar Year 2003

Dear Mr. Werner:

Attached hereto is the Certification Letter of Herbert R. Bivens, certifying that United Telephone Company (the "Company") is in compliance with the requirements of Section 254 (e) and the requirements established by the Commission in *In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256, Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45 and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256 (FCC 01-157) (released May 23, 2001) ("Order") and codified at 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.

In addition to this original, I am submitting thirteen copies of this letter, pursuant to TRA Rule 1220-1-1-.03, in addition to a date "stamp and return" copy (and accompanying postage prepaid, self-addressed envelope) that I ask you to please use for this purpose. All correspondence and inquiries concerning this filing should be addressed to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Herbert R. Bivens
General Manager/Asst. Treasurer

Encl.